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REPORT

TOPIC Military Activity in the Area of Frankfurt/Oder

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 20 January and 5 February 1955, the Buelow Kaserne (4441) in Frankfurt/Oder quartered approximately 2,000 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. Large weapons seen in the installation included:

4 T-34/85s,
8 x 85-mm AT
6 BA-64s

Approximately 200 men drilled in the barracks yard.

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2. Between 20 January and 5 February 1955, the Artillerie Kaserne (4442) in Frankfurt/Oder was not occupied to capacity. It quartered 750 to 800 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal or motor transport insignia. No large weapons were seen in the kaserne. Training activity by approximately 200 men included drill with and without small arms.

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4. Between 27 January and 7 February 1955, the Artillerie Kaserne (4442) in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by approximately 1,000 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. In the evening of 31 January, 90 percent of all windows were lighted.

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5. Between 27 January and 7 February 1955, the Buelow Kaserne [] in Frankfurt/Oder [] approximately 600 men who wore red-bordered black epaulettes. [] observed included 12 x 57-mm AT guns in the northern sector of the installation, 12 trucks and T-34 tanks [] 25X1
6. Between 27 January and 7 February 1955, The Eichhorn Kaserne [] in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by approximately 400 men who wore black-bordered crimson epaulettes. [] weapons were seen with the unit. 4 25X1
7. Between 27 January and 7 February 1955, the Hindenburg Kaserne [] in Frankfurt/Oder quartered approximately 600 men who wore red-bordered black epaulettes. Eleven T-34 tanks were seen in the installation. [] 25X1
8. On 27 January, JS-2 tanks [] entered the Horn Kaserne [] in Frankfurt/Oder. 25X1
9. On 27 January, work was done at the armory in the Ziethen Kaserne [] in Frankfurt/Oder. Two telephone installation sections established lines in the water tower area. On 31 January and 7 February, no training activity was noticed. 25X1
10. An artillery training site was established in the area between Briesen and Jacobsdorf at the Frankfurt/Oder - Fuerstenwalde railroad line. The local population was forbidden to enter this area at night until 0500 because of night firing practices. During the night of 8 February, artillery detonations were heard in Frankfurt/Oder from the direction of Briesen.
1. [] Comment. Large weapons and [] confirm the assumption that the 25th Gds Mecz Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div is again stationed in the Buelow Kaserne [] in Frankfurt/Oder. (see also Field Comment 3). The differences in the strength estimates presumably result from the fact that not all sources were able to thoroughly to penetrate the kaserne area. 25X1
2. [] Comment. [] again confirm elements of the 32d AAA Div of the IX Arty Corps in the Artillerie Kaserne [] in Frankfurt/Oder. Units of the division were out for firing exercises during the reported period. 25X1
3. [] Comment. [] belongs to the 25th Gds Mecz Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div and confirms this unit up to 24 January 1955 at the mentioned post and installation. [] belongs to an unidentified tank unit in Fuerstenwalde which is thus also confirmed up to 24 January 1955. 25X1
4. [] Comment. The Eichhorn Kaserne [] in Frankfurt/Oder is known as transient quarters for soldiers and as quarters for troops of Frankfurt/Oder post. A furniture depot of the Kech is also housed there. 25X1
5. [] Comment. Large weapons [] confirm the 57th Gds Tank Regt/ 7th Gds Mecz Div in the Hindenburg Kaserne [], Frankfurt/Oder. 25X1

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6. Comment. According to tank type the Horn Kaserne in Frankfurt/Oder is still occupied by the 84th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt. 25X1
7. Comment. The u/i Gds howitzer ~~artillery~~ regiment and the u/i RL battalion, was well as the 288th Gds AAA Regt/7th Gds Mecz Div, are listed as stationed in the Ziethen , Frankfurt/Oder. Since no large weapons were noticed ~~during~~ the reported period, it is possible that elements ~~all of these~~ units (except the 288th Gds AAA Regt) were at the ~~new firing range~~ in the Briesen area. 25X1
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8. Comment. The establishment of a ~~new training~~ site in the Briesen area was first mentioned in ~~September 1954~~ and was subsequently verified by observations. . Firing activity there is reported for the first time. 25X1
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